

# ON THE INVARIANCE PRINCIPLE FOR $\rho$ -MIXING SEQUENCES OF RANDOM VARIABLES

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## Abstract

In this note the author establishes the invariance principle for  $\rho$ -mixing sequences under combinations of moment assumptions and  $\rho$ -mixing rates. The result answers a problem from a recent survey paper of Peligrad.

## § 1. Introduction

First some notation:  $\log$  denotes the logarithm with base 2 and  $\log^+ x = \max\{\log x, 0\}$ . The indicator function of a set  $A$  is denoted by  $I_A$ . The notation  $a \ll b$  means  $a = O(b)$ . The greatest integer  $\leq x$  is denoted by  $[x]$ . The norm in  $D_p$  is denoted by  $\|\cdot\|_p$  ( $p \geq 1$ ).  $N(0, 1)$  denotes the standard normal distribution.  $\{W(t), 0 \leq t \leq \infty\}$  denotes the standard Wiener process.

Throughout the paper we suppose that  $\{X_k, k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  is a strictly stationary sequence of real-valued random variables on a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ . For  $-\infty \leq m \leq n \leq \infty$  let  $\mathcal{F}_m^n$  denote the  $\sigma$ -field of events generated by the random variables  $(X_k, m \leq k \leq n)$ . For each natural  $n \geq 1$  define the dependence coefficient

$$\rho(n) := \sup_{f \in L_2(\mathcal{F}_0^n), g \in L_2(\mathcal{F}_n^\infty)} |\text{corr}(f, g)|.$$

The stationary sequence  $\{X_k\}$  is said to be  $\rho$ -mixing if  $\rho(n) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

For each  $n \geq 1$  define the partial sum  $S_0 = 0, S_n = \sum_{k=1}^n X_k$  and denote by  $S(t)$  for each  $t \geq 0$ ,  $\sigma_t^2 = \text{var } S(t)$ . Peligrad<sup>[2]</sup> proved the following weak invariance principle:

**Theorem A.** Suppose  $\{X_k\}$  is a strictly stationary sequence of random variables satisfying

$$EX_k = 0, EX_k^2 < \infty, \sigma_n \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty, \quad (1.1)$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \rho^{1/2}(2^k) < \infty. \quad (1.2)$$

For each  $t \in [0, 1]$ , put  $W_n(t) := \sum_{k=1}^{[nt]} X_k / \sigma_n$ . Then

$$W_n(t) \Rightarrow W(t) \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \quad (1.3)$$

Shao<sup>[5]</sup> showed that the condition (1.2) can be replaced by

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \rho(2^k) < \infty. \quad (1.2)'$$

Recently Peligrad in her survey paper proposed the study of the following general problem: Suppose  $\{X_k\}$  satisfies (1.1) and  $EX_0^2 g(|X_0|) < \infty$ , where  $g: [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is such that

$$g(x) \text{ and } x^\delta/g(x) \text{ are increasing functions, for some } 0 < \delta < 1. \quad (1.4)$$

Then, under these conditions, what is the slowest mixing rate for  $\rho(n)$  that will still imply that  $W_n$  is weakly convergent to  $W$ . She conjectured that: if  $\{X_k\}$  is strictly stationary and satisfies

$$EX_0^2 g(|X_0|) < \infty \text{ and } g(n^{1/2}) \gg \exp\left(d \sum_{k=1}^n k^{-1} \rho(k)\right) \quad (1.5)$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for every  $d > 0$ , then  $W_n \Rightarrow W$ .

Fortunately, Peligrad<sup>[4]</sup> has proved

**Theorem B.** Let  $g(x)$  satisfy (1.4). Suppose that  $\{X_k\}$  is a strictly stationary sequence satisfying (1.1) and

$$EX_0^2 g(|X_0|) < \infty \quad (1.6)_a$$

and

$$g(n^{1/2}) \gg \exp\left((2+s^*) \sum_{k=1}^{[\log n]} \rho(2^k)\right) \quad (1.6)_b$$

for some  $0 < s^* < 1$ . Then  $S_n/\sigma_n \rightarrow N(0, 1)$  in distribution as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

We now can establish the following

**Theorem.** Let  $g(x)$  satisfy (1.4). Suppose  $\{X_k\}$  is a strictly stationary sequence satisfying (1.1), (1.6)<sub>a</sub> and (1.6)<sub>b</sub>, then  $W_n$  is weakly convergent to  $W$ .

This theorem contains Theorem A. By taking  $g(x) = \text{constant}$  for every  $x \geq 0$ , we get the conclusion of Theorem A under (1.2)'. By simple computation we get the following corollaries:

**Corollary 1.** Assume  $\{X_k\}$  is strictly stationary satisfying (1.1) and for some  $s > 0$ , and  $c > 0$

$$EX_0^2 (\log^+ |X_0|)^{2s/(1-s)} < \infty$$

and

$$\rho(n) \leq c \log^{-1} n \text{ for every } n \text{ sufficiently large.} \quad (1.7)$$

Then the invariance principle holds.

**Corollary 2.** Assume  $\{X_k\}$  is strictly stationary satisfying (1.1) and for some  $0 < \beta < 1$ ,  $s > 0$  and  $c > 0$

$$EX_0^2 \exp\left(\frac{2c(1+s)}{1-\beta} (2\log^+ |X_1|)^{1-\beta}\right) < \infty \quad (1.8)$$

and

$$\rho(n) \leq c \log^{-\beta} n \text{ for every } n \text{ sufficiently large.} \quad (1.9)$$

Then the invariance principle holds.

**Corollary 3.** Assume  $\{X_k\}$  is strictly stationary satisfying (1.1) and for some

$r > 0$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $c > 0$

$$EX_0^2 \exp\left(\frac{4c \log^+ |X_0|}{(1-\varepsilon)(\log^+ |X_0|)^r}\right) < \infty \quad (1.10)$$

and

$$\rho(n) \leq c \log^{-r} \log n \text{ for every } n \text{ sufficiently large.} \quad (1.11)$$

Then the invariance principle holds.

## § 2. Proof of Theorem

We shall give first two preliminary lemmas followed by the proof of Theorem

**Lemma 1.** Suppose  $\{X_k\}$  satisfies (1.1). We can find two positive constants  $c_1(\varepsilon^*)$  and  $c_2(\varepsilon^*)$  such that for every  $n \geq 1$

$$\sigma_n^2 \leq c_1 n EX_0^2 \exp\left(\sum_{k=1}^{[\log n]} \rho(2^k) \left(1 + \frac{1}{4} \varepsilon^*\right)\right) \quad (2.1)$$

and

$$\sigma_n^2 \geq c_2 n \exp\left(-\left(1 + \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon^*\right) \sum_{k=1}^{[(1-\varepsilon^*) \log n]} \rho(2^k)\right). \quad (2.2)$$

For the proof of this lemma see Lemma 1 in [4]. The following lemma is a more precise form of Lemma 1 of [5].

**Lemma 2.** Suppose  $\{X_k\}$  satisfies (1.1) and  $E|X_0|^{2+\delta} < \infty$  for some  $0 < \delta < 1$ . Then there is a positive constant  $c_3$  such that for every  $n \geq 1$

$$E|S_n|^{2+\delta} \leq c_3 \left( \sigma_n^{2+\delta} + E|X_0|^{2+\delta} n \exp\left(30 \sum_{k=1}^{[\log n]} \rho^{2/(2+\delta)}(2^k)\right) \right). \quad (2.3)$$

*Proof of Theorem* Shao<sup>[5]</sup> has established the invariance principle under the assumption  $\sum_k \rho(2^k) < \infty$ . We shall treat here the case when  $\sum_k \rho(2^k) = \infty$ , when we shall consider that  $g(x) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ . Without loss of generality, we can assume that

$$\rho(n) \geq (\log n)^{-1} \cdot (\log^{-2} \log n) \quad (2.4)$$

for every  $n$  sufficiently large.

In order to establish the theorem, by Theorem 1.4 of [3] and Theorem 1 of [4] it suffices to show that for each positive  $\varepsilon$  there exists  $\lambda > 1$  such that

$$P(\max_{i \leq n} |S_i| \geq 6\lambda \sigma_n) \leq 6\varepsilon / \lambda^2. \quad (2.5)$$

The proof of (2.5) is somewhat similar to the proof of Lemma 2 in [5]. We shall truncate at level  $J := n^{1/2}/T$ , where

$$T := \exp\left(\frac{40}{\delta} \sum_{k=1}^{[\log n]} \rho^{2/(2+\delta)}(2^k)\right). \quad (2.6)$$

Put

$$\begin{aligned} X_{i1} &= X_i I_{\{|X_i| \leq J\}} - EX_i I_{\{|X_i| \leq J\}}, \\ X_{i2} &= X_i I_{\{|X_i| > J\}} - EX_i I_{\{|X_i| > J\}}, \end{aligned}$$

$$S_{n1}(k) = \sum_{i=1}^k X_{i1}, \quad S_{n2}(k) = \sum_{i=1}^k X_{i2},$$

$$\sigma_{n1}^2(k) = ES_{n1}^2(k), \quad \sigma_{n2}^2(k) = ES_{n2}^2(k).$$

Obviously,  $S_i = S_{n1}(i) + S_{n2}(i)$  and

$$P(\max_{i \leq n} |S_i| \geq 6\lambda\sigma_n) \leq P(\max_{i \leq n} |S_{n1}(i)| \geq \lambda\sigma_n) + P(\max_{i \leq n} |S_{n2}(i)| \geq 5\lambda\sigma_n).$$

We first note that

$$\begin{aligned} \log T &= \frac{40}{\delta} \sum_{i=1}^{[\log n]} \rho^{2/(2+\delta)}(2^i) \leq \frac{40}{\delta} \rho^{-\delta/(2+\delta)} \left(\frac{n}{T^2}\right)^{[\log n/T^2]} \sum_{i=1}^{[\log n/T^2]} \rho(2^i) + \frac{40}{\delta} \rho^{2/(2+\delta)} \left(\frac{n}{T^2}\right)^{[\log n]} \sum_{i=1+[\log(n/T^2)]}^{[\log n]} \rho(2^i) \\ &\leq \frac{40}{\delta} \rho^{-\delta/(2+\delta)} \left(\frac{n}{T^2}\right)^{[\log(n/T^2)]} \sum_{i=1}^{[\log(n/T^2)]} \rho(2^i) + \frac{90}{\delta} \rho^{2/(2+\delta)} \left(\frac{n}{T^2}\right)^{[\log n]} \log T. \end{aligned}$$

Hence we have for every  $n$  sufficiently large

$$\log T \leq \frac{50}{\delta} \rho^{-\delta/(2+\delta)} \left(\frac{n}{T^2}\right)^{[\log(n/T^2)]} \sum_{i=1}^{[\log(n/T^2)]} \rho(2^i) \quad (2.7)$$

and

$$\sum_{i=1}^{[\log n]} \rho(2^i) \leq \left(1 + \frac{\varepsilon^*}{12}\right)^{[\log(n/T^2)]} \sum_{i=1}^{[\log(n/T^2)]} \rho(2^i). \quad (2.8)$$

From this and by (1.6)<sub>b</sub> and the fact that  $g(x)$  is increasing we have

$$g(J) \geq \exp\left(\frac{2+\varepsilon^*}{1+\varepsilon^*/12} \sum_{i=1}^{[\log n]} \rho(2^i)\right) \quad (2.9)$$

and by (2.1), (2.2) and (2.9) for every  $k \leq n$  and  $n$  sufficiently large

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{n2}^2(k) &\leq c_1 k E X_0^2 I_{\{|X_0| > J\}} \exp\left(\sum_{i=1}^{[\log n]} \left(1 + \frac{1}{4} \varepsilon^*\right) \rho(2^i)\right) \\ &\leq \frac{c_1 c_2^{-1} \sigma_k^2 E X_0^2 g(|X_0|)}{g(J)} \exp\left(\left(2 + \frac{3}{4} \varepsilon^*\right) \sum_{i=1}^{[\log n]} \rho(2^i)\right) \\ &\leq c_1 c_2^{-1} \sigma_k^2 E X_0^2 g(|X_0|) \exp\left(\frac{\varepsilon^*}{52} \sum_{i=1}^{[\log n]} \rho(2^i)\right). \end{aligned}$$

From this and because  $\sum \rho(2^i) = \infty$ , we deduce that

$$\max_{1 \leq k \leq n} \frac{\sigma_{n2}(k)}{\sigma_k} = o(1) \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Whence it is easy to see that for  $k=1, 2, \dots, n$  and  $n$  sufficiently large

$$\sigma_{n1}^2(k) \leq 2\sigma_k^2. \quad (2.10)$$

By Lemma 2 and (2.10)

$$E|S_{n1}(k)|^{2+\delta} \leq 4c_3 \left( \sigma_k^{2+\delta} + k E|X_0|^{2+\delta} I_{\{|X_0| < J\}} \exp\left(30 \sum_{i=1}^{[\log n]} \rho(2^i)\right) \right).$$

From this and by (1.1), (2.1), (1.6)<sub>a</sub>, (1.6)<sub>b</sub>, (2.6), (2.9) and Corollary 3 of Morio we see that there exists a constant  $c_4$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} E \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} |S_{n1}(k)|^{2+\delta} &\leq c_4 \left( \sigma_n^{2+\delta} + n \log^{2+\delta} n E|X_0|^{2+\delta} I_{\{|X_0| < J\}} \exp\left(30 \sum_{i=1}^{[\log n]} \rho^{2/(2+\delta)}(2^i)\right) \right) \\ &\leq c_4 \left( \sigma_n^{2+\delta} + \frac{n^{2+\delta} \log^{2+\delta} n E X_0^2 g(|X_0|)}{g(J) T^\delta} c_1 \exp\left(35 \sum_{i=1}^{[\log n]} \rho^{2/(2+\delta)}(2^i)\right) \right) \\ &\leq c_4 \sigma_n^{2+\delta} (1 + E X_0^2 g(|X_0|)) \end{aligned}$$

whence there exists a constant  $\lambda > 1$  such that for every  $n$  sufficiently large

$$p(\max_{k \leq n} |S_{n1}(k)| \geq \lambda \sigma_n) \leq \varepsilon / \lambda^2. \quad (2.11)$$

We now estimate  $P(\max_{k \leq n} |S_{n2}(k)| \geq 5\lambda \sigma_n)$ . Let

$$p = \exp\left(\frac{50}{\delta} \sum_{i=1}^{[\frac{1}{\delta} \log n]} \rho^{2/(2+\delta)}(2^i)\right),$$

$$r = \left[\frac{n}{p}\right], \quad p_1 = \left[\frac{p}{2}\right], \quad p_2 = \left[\frac{p-1}{2}\right].$$

Put

$$y_i = \sum_{j=1+(2i-1)r}^{2ir} X_{j2}, \quad i=1, 2, \dots, p_1;$$

$$z_i = \sum_{j=1+2ir}^{(2i+1)r} X_{j2}, \quad i=0, 1, \dots, p_2;$$

$$T_1(i) = \sum_{j=1}^i y_j, \quad T_2(i) = \sum_{j=0}^i z_j.$$

Noting that  $\{X_{j2}\}_{j=1}^n$  is stationary we have

$$P(\max_{k \leq n} |S_{n2}(k)| \geq 5\lambda \sigma_n)$$

$$\leq P(\max_{k \leq p_1} |T_1(k)| \geq 2\lambda \sigma_n) + P(\max_{k \leq p_2} |T_2(k)| \geq 2\lambda \sigma_n)$$

$$+ (p+1)P(\max_{k \leq r} |S_{n2}(k)| \geq \lambda \sigma_n)$$

$$:= I_1 + I_2 + I_3.$$

In terms of (2.1) and (2.2) we have for every  $n$  sufficiently large

$$P(\max_{k \leq r} |S_{n2}(k)| \geq \lambda \sigma_n)$$

$$\leq P\left(\sum_{i=1}^r (|X_{n2}(i)| - E|X_{n2}(i)|) \geq \lambda \sigma_n - 2 \sum_{i=1}^r E|X_{n2}(i)|\right)$$

$$\leq P\left(\sum_{i=1}^r (|X_{n2}(i)| - E|X_{n2}(i)|) \geq \lambda \sigma_n - 2r \frac{EX_0^2 g(|X_0|)}{g(J)J}\right)$$

$$\leq P\left(\sum_{i=1}^r (|X_{n2}(i)| - E|X_{n2}(i)|) \geq \lambda \sigma_n / 2\right)$$

$$\leq 4c_1 r \sigma_n^{-2} \exp\left(\left(1 + \frac{1}{4} \varepsilon^*\right) \sum_{i=1}^{[\log n]} \rho(2^i) EX_0^2 I_{\{|X_0| > J\}} \cdot \lambda^{-2}\right)$$

whence by (2.9)

$$I_3 \leq 4c_1 r \sigma_n^{-2} \exp\left(\left(1 + \frac{1}{4} \varepsilon^*\right) \sum_{i=1}^{[\log n]} \rho(2^i) EX_0^2 I_{\{|X_0| > J\}} \cdot \lambda^{-2}\right)$$

$$\leq \frac{4c_1}{c_2 \lambda^2 g(J)} \exp\left(\left(2 + \frac{3}{4} \varepsilon^*\right) \sum_{i=1}^{[\log n]} \rho(2^i) EX_0^2 g(|X_0|)\right)$$

$$\leq \frac{4c_1}{c_2 \lambda^2} \exp\left(-\frac{\varepsilon^*}{52} \sum_{i=1}^{[\log n]} \rho(2^i) EX_0^2 g(|X_0|)\right),$$

therefore

$$I_3 \leq \varepsilon / \lambda^2. \quad (2.12)$$

In order to establish the estimation of  $I_1$ , let

$$G_0 = (\Omega, \phi), \quad G_k = \sigma(X_i; 1 \leq i \leq 2rk);$$

$$u_k = E(y_k | G_{k-1}), \quad k=1, 2, \dots, p_1;$$

$$U_i(k) = \sum_{j=1+i}^{i+k} u_j, \quad T^*(k) = T_1(k) - U_0(k).$$

obviously

$$I_1 \leq P(\max_{i=p_1} |T^*(i)| \geq \lambda \sigma_n) + P(\max_{i < p_1} |U_0(i)| \geq \lambda \sigma_n)$$

$$:= I_1^{(1)} + I_2^{(2)}.$$

Because  $\{T^*(i), i=1, \dots, p_1\}$  is a martingale sequence, we have

$$I_1^{(1)} \leq \frac{16}{\lambda^2 \sigma_n^2} \sum_{i=1}^{p_1} E y_i^2.$$

In a way somewhat similar to the estimation of  $I_3$  we also have for every  $\lambda > 1$  and for every  $n$  sufficiently large

$$I_1^{(1)} \leq \varepsilon / \lambda^2. \quad (2.13)$$

Finally, we shall prove that for every  $i, k, n$ , by induction on  $k$

$$EU_i^2(k) \leq c_1 k \rho^2(r) \log^2 2k EX_0^2 I_{\{|X_0| > J\}} \cdot r \cdot \exp\left(\left(1 + \frac{1}{4} \varepsilon^*\right) \sum_{i=1}^{[\log n]} \rho(2^i)\right). \quad (2.14)$$

When  $k=1$ , by the definition of  $\rho$ -mixing

$$EU_i^2(1) = EE^2(y_{i+1} | G_i) = E(y_{i+1} E(y_{i+1} | G_i)) \leq \rho(r) \|y_{i+1}\|_2 \cdot \|E(y_{i+1} | G_i)\|_2.$$

Thus (2.14) is true for  $k=1$  and for every  $i+1 \leq p_1$  by (2.1). When  $k \geq 2$ , assume (2.14) holds for every integer less than  $k$ . Put  $k_1 = [k/2]$ ,  $k_2 = k - k_1$ , then

$$EU_i^2(k) = EU_i^2(k_1) + EU_{i+k_1}^2(k_2) + 2EU_i(k_1)U_{i+k_1}(k_2)$$

$$= EU_i^2(k_1) + E_{i+k_1}^2(k_2) + 2EU_i(k_1) \sum_{j=1+i+k_1}^{i+k} y_j$$

$$\leq EU_i^2(k_1) + EU_{i+k_1}^2(k_2) + 2\|U_i(k_1)\|_2 \cdot \left\| \sum_j y_j \right\|_2 \rho(r).$$

By induction hypothesis and (2.1)

$$EU_i^2(k) \leq c_1(k_1 \log^2 2k_1 + k_2 \log^2 2k_2 + 2(k_1 k_2)^{1/2} \log 2k_1) \cdot \rho^2(r) \cdot r \exp\left(\left(1 + \frac{1}{4} \varepsilon^*\right) \sum_{j=1}^{[\log n]} \rho(2^j)\right) EX_0^2 I_{\{|X_0| > J\}}$$

$$\leq c_1 k (\log^2 2k) r \cdot \exp\left(\left(1 + \frac{1}{4} \varepsilon^*\right) \sum_{j=1}^{[\log n]} \rho(2^j)\right) EX_0^2 I_{\{|X_0| > J\}} \cdot \rho^2(r),$$

which proves that (2.14) holds.

From (2.14) we obtain by Corollary 4 of Moricz

$$E \max_{i < p_1} U_0^2(i)$$

$$\leq 3c_1 r p_1 \rho^2(r) \log^4(2p_1) \cdot \exp\left(\left(1 + \frac{1}{4} \varepsilon^*\right) \sum_{j=1}^{[\log n]} \rho(2^j)\right) EX_0^2 I_{\{|X_0| > J\}}$$

$$\leq \frac{3c_1 \sigma_n^2 \rho^2\left(\frac{n}{p_1}\right) \log^4(2p_1)}{c_2 g(J)} \exp\left(\left(2 + \frac{3}{4} \varepsilon^*\right) \sum_{j=1}^{[\log n]} \rho(2^j)\right) EX_0^2 g(|X_0|)$$

$$\leq \frac{3c_1 \sigma_n^2 \rho^2\left(\frac{n}{p_1}\right) \log^4(2p_1)}{c_2} \exp\left(-\frac{\varepsilon^*}{52} \sum_{j=1}^{[\log n]} \rho(2^j)\right) EX_0^2 g(|X_0|)$$

By (2.7)

$$\rho^2\left(\frac{n}{p_1}\right) \log^4 2p_1 \leq \left(\frac{50}{\delta}\right)^4 \rho^{2/3}\left(\frac{n}{T^2}\right) \sum_{j=1}^{(\log n)} \rho(2^j),$$

hence we finally get that for every  $\lambda > 1$  and for every  $n$  sufficiently large

$$I_1^{(2)} \leq \varepsilon/\lambda^2,$$

therefore

$$I_1 \leq 2\varepsilon/\lambda^2. \quad (2.15)$$

Similarly, we have

$$I_2 \leq 2\varepsilon/\lambda^2. \quad (2.$$

(2.5) now follows from (2.11)–(2.12) and (2.15)–(2.16), which proves theorem.

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